Statement

NEC Funds released during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96

(Rs. in crores)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Arunachal Pradesh	7.70	7.49	4.32
Assam	21.80	28.49	7.34
Manipur	11.98	4.78	2.18
Meghalaya	9.60	17.32	10.44
Mizoram	12.74	13.22	11.78
Nagaland	11.32	1.16	0.20
Tripura	7.62	29.51	41.06
Total of States	82.76	101.97	77.30
Other Agencies	171.95	194.61	235.48
GRAND TOTAL	254.71	296.58	312.78

Drought Proofing Plan in Gujarat

2107. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to Gujarat under the medium term drought proofing plan during 1995-96, district-wise;

(b) whether any review of its activities has been conducted;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) No plan named as medium term drought proofing plan is being implemented by this Ministry. However, two programmes namely; Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) administered by this Ministry are under implementation in Gujarat. DPAP is under implementation in 52 blocks of 10 districts and DDP in 47 blocks of 6 districts. Out of 6 DDP districts, 3 districts namely, Banaskantha, Mehsana and Kutch are situated in hot arid sandy areas and remaining 3 districts namely; Jamnagar, Rajkot and Surendranagar are in hot arid non-sandy areas. The allocation under DPAP is shared on 50:50 basis between the Centre and the State Government and in DDP (hot arid areas) it is shared on 75:25 basis between Centre and State whereas in (hot, sandy arid areas), the allocation is on 100% basis by the Centre. An amount of Rs.1345.00 lakhs under DPAP, Rs.766.00 lakhs under DDP (hot arid sandy areas) and Rs.883.00 lakhs under DDP (hot arid non-sandy areas) was allocated to Gujarat during 1995-96. Out of the total Central assistance of Rs.1013.95 lakhs under DPAP and Rs.1860.88 lakhs under DDP was released during 1995-96. District-wise details of allocation and releases are given in the statement *(see below)*

(b) to (d) No separate review of the programmes was made in Gujarat. Both the programmes were, however, reviewed comprehensively in 1994 by a Technical Committee on DPAP and DDP under the Chairmanship of Prof. C.H. Hanumantha Rao, Ex-Member, Planning Commssion. The Committee in its report submitted in 1994, observed that the programme had created good impact in the areas treated. The over all impact was however not ecouraging as the watershed approach for area development was adopted only at a few places, inadequate allocation was thinly spread over vast areas, local people were not invloved in planning and implementation of the programme, wide range of activities which were neither properly integrated nor necessarily related to the objectives of the programme were undertaken, officers and field functionaries involved in planning and implementation of programme were not properly trained

and there was no proper arrangement for maintenance of assets created under the programme.

Based on the recommendations of the Technical Committee, Guidelines for Watershed Development were issued in October, 1994 and made effective from 1.4.1995. The strategy outlined in the Guidelines for successful implementation of the programmes is as follows:

(i) area development should be taken up only on watershed basis;

(ii) 50% of the allocation under Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) should be utilised on watershed development;

(iii) adequate institutional arrangements should be made at the Centre, State, District, Project Implementation Agency (PIA) and Watershed levels to ensure effective involvement of local people, Panchayati Raj Institutions and Non-governmental Organisations in the planning and development of watershed projects;

(iv) works and activities within a watershed project should be deciced by the local people in consultation with Project Implementation Agency and

(v) training of officers, field functionaries and local people should be conducted on a continuous basis.

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Central releases to Gujarat during 1995-96 under DPAP and DDP

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	District	Allocation	Central release
1	2	3	4
Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP)			
1.	Ahmedabad	60.00	36.055
2.	Amreli	225.00	170.125
3.	Bharuch	185.00	77.73
4.	Bhavnagar	190.00	133.66
5.	Junagarh	185.00	119.50
6.	Panchmahal	265.00	246.375
7.	Sabarkantha	15.00	10.50
8.	The Dangs	30.00	19.50
9.	Vadodra	120.00	78.00
10.	Valsad	70.00	30.45
	Total	1345.00	921.895 +92.055*
	Total		1013.95

An ampunt of Rs.92.055 lakhs was also released for completion of spill over DPAP works in Kutch, Jamnagar, Rajkot and Surendranagar which are now included under DDP.

Desart Development Programme (DDP)

(Hot Sandy Arid Areas) — 100%		
1. Banaskantha	205.00	386.68
2. Mehsana	50.00	114.92
3. Kutch	511.00	698.50
Sub-total	766.00	1200.10
(Hot Arid Areas) — 75:25		
1. Jamnagar	287.00	215.10
2. Rajkot	315.00	234.78
3. Surendranagar	281.00	210.90
Sub-Total	883.00	660.78
Total	1649.00	1860.88